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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language. English-language abstracts are enclosed.

1. JP 10-298854.

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2. JP 7-279038. - The relevance of this document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the present patent application.
3. JP 11-152610. - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present patent application.
4. JP 11-107015.
5. JP 9-295367.
6. JP 5-38006.

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